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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Arizona Corporation Commission Docket Control Decision 70741

RE: DISSENT

WICKENBURG RANCH WATER

DECISION 70741

To All Interested Parties:

I want to explain my No vote on the compliance issue for Wickenburg Ranch Water. Decision No. 70741 ordered Wickenburg Ranch, Water, LLC to submit 10 Best Management Practices (BMPs) for water conservation.

Both Staff and the company were in agreement with nine of the BMPs proposed by the company and only one was the subject of disagreement. I believe the Staff proposal to restrict water intensive features was the correct manner to educate and address the conservation of our most vital natural resource, water. However, by a 3-2 vote the Commission did not adopt the Staff's version of the disputed BMP.

I understand the company's point of view that including water features, such as swimming pools and fountains will give them a market edge in this failing housing market. However, it is not the lack of water features, which have slowed the sales of new homes. In fact, many developers are seeing the benefits of conservation and green technology in marketing new homes.

In my opinion, showing the benefits of water conservation in an arid desert setting is a responsible education tool.

It is for that reason I voted against the measure.

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Sandra D. Kennedy

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